Are You a 21st Century Teacher-Librarian? Building Your Program Through Advocacy: Going from Basic to Proficient and Advanced Sponsored by the WEMA Permanent Endowment Trust (PET) Committee

Wisconsin's recent research study of its K-12 school library media programs shows a positive and significant correlation between quality programs and high student achievement. School library media programs staffed by a certified library media specialist are critical to this academic success. Yet every year, fewer schools seem to retain the staff necessary to achieve this goal.

While limited and decreasing school funding continues, there are essential elements you can implement to ensure the health, integrity and longevity of your own library media program. The study provides substantial data pertaining to the qualitative and quantitative aspects of quality district programs and it delineates the factors that significantly impact student performance across all grade levels. Whether you are the sole library media specialist in your district or your building, or one of several, the study highlights program successes and calls to attention areas that need improvement.

Come with your concerns, questions and ideas! Join Kate Bugher, School Library Media Consultant, DPI and other WEMA colleagues in this opportunity to work together and learn from each other. Major areas of focus will be the factors contributing most to student achievement, using data from the study to support your own program, and the criteria necessary for developing an exemplary program. Workshop participants will leave with tools and strategies for taking their programs to a higher level.

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Location: Memorial High School LMC, Madison

Cost: \$15.00 per person (includes Wisconsin study, handouts,

lunch and breaks)

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 20, 2006

To register: complete the form below and send with payment to: Courtney Rounds WEMA Association Manager PO Box 206 Boscobel, WI 53805 Registration Deadline is Friday, October 20, 2006. Make checks payable to WEMA Questions: Contact Courtney at wema@centurytel.net or Phone 608-375-6020 Name ____ Address City, State, ZIP _____ Phone _____ E-mail____ Position (circle one): District K-12 • Elementary Middle School High School • Higher Education